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To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate
Subject: Say NO to tampering with local Media

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I am writing this to show my opposition to any laws that are going to destroy the already fragile nature of local media. I am SICK of my life being filled with the information from Coporations!!!!!!!!!! I want my local media!!!!!! Leave it alone!!!!!!

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From: henrymartin@calweb.com
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 8:01 PM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: Vote to keep public access stations viable

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Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate:

Please vote on the side of public access stations. We love our local programming. We get information, discussion, humor, music, drama and films that are not offered on network stations. Networks do not always serve our communities.

I believe part of your mission is to help The People keep our airwaves for The People, maintaining freedom of expression and the free flow of ideas and information - and that helps our democracy thrive. Dictatorial and authoritarian systems restrict these things and the country sinks.

Thank you,
A. Henry

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From: stephen capizzi [frfarm@tds.net]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 7:27 PM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: Giving away public airwaves

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In this day of propaganda from Fox News and bland coverage from the rest of the networks PUBLIC ACCESS is a breath of fresh air .The programming offered has something for everyone. HANDS OFF PUBLIC ACCESS!!

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From: Jerry Richardson [jerry.richardson@turner.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 5:45 PM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: RE: Public Access

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RE: Public Access

Dear Ms. Tate;

It came to my attention just today that there is a plan afoot to disempower the Public Access cable statutes. I am not familiar with the details, but I must implore you: Do not give away any more to the huge corporations that already control what is broadcast on OUR, the PUBLIC's airwaves. Do not destroy what little access the people have to what is rightfully and by law ours; what is merely leased to these greedy, monopolistic corporate entities.

I hope my plea doesn't come to late for the deadline, which I urge you to extend in order to engage in a more highly publicized comment period.

Thank you for supporting the will of the people of this country, and for protecting our rights against those who would take whatever they can from us if it will bring them more profits and give us less power to control our channels of communication and information, that is to say our very freedoms.

Sincerely,

Toni Vian
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Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 3:04 PM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: keep public TV funding coming!

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dear Ms. Tate,

Ii wrote you earlier today to urge you to support local radio broadcasting. Now I am asking you to commit to the funding question in favor of money for public television and video broadcasting.

I truly beleive we are better off with local access to information and free expression.

thanks so muc for your continued support for funding public television and video broadcasting!

sincerely

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Deborah Teixeira
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From: dteixeira [dteixeira@cruzio.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 2:47 PM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: to keep funding public broadcasting!

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hello Ms. Tate,

I am writing you today because of my passion and concern for the life of public broadcasting as we know it. I value my locally run and owned radio programs/stations.

I consider it imperative to a democracy that the public have access to information and free expression, and I deplore big money corporations coming in and buying everything up just because they can. They have enough power and money. they have enough avenues of their homeogenous programming, they do not need to own everything.

Please vote to keep the funding coming to diverse, locally operated and owned broadcasting!

I implore you, Ms Tate. to resist the personalities behing the big money, and keep radio broadcasting funded and alive and vital so that democracy can thrive.

thank you!

Deborah teixeira
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Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 1:49 PM**To:** KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate**Subject:** Please retain Public Access Television broadcasting, such as MNN stations in New York, NY

I want to state my request that the FCC retain public access television stations throughout the nation as an important form of democratic use of the television system.

Specifically, I am emphasizing the retention of public access television stations or "community broadcasting" in addition to the PBS broadcasting.

Bonnie L. Johnson
150 Thompson St. #3A
New York, NY 10012

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From: Bill Speechley [speechw@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 4:51 PM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: Cable Monopoly

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The current situation in the country with Comcast and other large cable companies having a virtual monopoly on cable service is against the laws of this nation. Just because the legislators don't have the intestinal fortitude to put a stop to it.

Cable rates are out of control.

Please allow other players into the cable game.

Thanks
Bill Speechley

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Sandra Lyn Bailey~~DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL~~**From:** anthony hudson [anthonyrhudson@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2006 6:24 PM**To:** Deborah Tate**ORIGINAL****Subject:** regarding 05-311 Save Cable Access for the public

Thank you for your public service through the FCC.

This letter is in support of PEG channels and public access and my respectfull urgent hope that you will include protections in the 05-311 proceedings. Public Access in many service delivery areas are the only access most of the public have for expressing views, as well as extended coverage of civic and social forums...

All too many times the citizenry (from universities, organizations, sport teams, churches, and citizen clubs) has called and requested coverage--telling me that we were their last hope to get their story or event in the public.

I have associates in the corporate media who (I've passed by while on my way to interview Madiline Albright, Desmond Tutu and others) convey privately that they don't cover real news anymore, just sensationalism.

We even get thanks from minority community because they say very few of their people use or have internet access and that their cable access is the link bridging the technical divide. Cable public access is needed and should by maintained.

As I go thought the cities I am greeted with thanks for covering a wide range of topics and ideas as well as entertainment. So I now urge and plead to you to maintain and protect cable public access in this time of media consolidation.

Thank you in advance for your helping to safegaurd this critical public access in the public's domain.

Sincerely,

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From: Noah Rubin [ruby@massappealmag.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 11:03 AM
To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate
Subject: Video Franchising and the Threat to Public Access

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Good Day,

My name is Noah Rubin. I am writing to express my concern about the FCC's Video Franchising initiative. It is quite clear to me the treat this poses to one of the greatest outlets of public expression remaining in our democracy, public access television. Public access is a breeding ground for free thinking and is a unique genre of media that should be protected at any cost. Please heed my advice and take action to keep this essential service alive for generations to come.

Much thanks in advance,

Noah Rubin

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From: Ricardo Salazar [salazardance@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 4:00 PM
To: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; KJMWEB
Subject: Video franchising

To the FCC & those who are in the power of decision making:

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I am outraged that "video franchising" is being considered, since it threatens to do away with public broadcasting. Public access benefits the country in many, many ways and across a huge spectrum of people. To eliminate funding would simply create a privatized system which could not possibly have the same amount of benefits to local communities. The FCC should stand by American principles, and not engage in activities that effectively weaken freedom of speech, every American's constitutional right.

Our nation was built on freedom of speech. PLEASE do not decide in favor of corporate interests that stand in the way of public access TV

Sincerely
Ricardo Salazar

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Subject: Ex Parte Filing in CC Doc. No. 96-45 of San Carlos Apache Telecommunications Utility, Inc.

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Joint Board and Staff

The attached ex parte letter in CC Doc. No. 96-45 was filed today with the Secretary on behalf of San Carlos Apache Telecommunications, Inc.

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hello

i am writing to you about cable television and the high and fast rising costs of it. i understand that there could be legislation this year on getting rid of local franchising laws and making the federal govt the sole issuer of these rights. in theory this would open up competition (verizon or other companies) and allow for multiple providers to enter the marketplace and thus lower bills. i do not know if this is the only way but after years of high cable increases and no alternatives i am open to anything. whatever the legislation it MUST include net neutrality which means an internet service provider must treat all data equally, not speed its own and slow or block others. this is crucial to the free flow of information and commerce.

also program access rules must be revamped to end the loophole that allows comcast to keep its philadelphia sportsnet channel from its satellite competitors. this is another example of the cable companies holding its customers hostage to their high monopolistic rates. it is ten years since deregulation and it is obvious the cable companies do not know how to act without regulation. please make this a landmark year for the cable industry must like it was for telephone companies in the early 80's when ma bell was broken up. competition and choice make the market better and ultimately make technology grow at a faster rate. please do not give in to the cable or phone industry's lobbyists and remember the little guys when you are considering this legislation in the future.

thank you for your time in reading this letter and i look forward to your action in the future.

bill diantonio

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From: Robert Hilliard [rhilliard@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 1:54 PM
To: KJMWEB
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; COALS_help
Subject: Local Video Franchising

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Dear Commissioner Martin:

When I came to the Commission in 1964 as Chief of the Educational (Public) Broadcasting Branch, one of my duties was to work with the task force on cable television to assure that municipalities were given the prerogative of requiring the allocation of and monetary support for PEG channels when franchising local cable systems.

These Public, Education and Government access channels, where implemented, have contributed importantly to the cultural, educational and informational needs of their communities. Their loss would be a step backward in serving the public interest, convenience, and necessity

In the reconsideration of the local cable franchising process, I hope the Commission will make certain that municipalities retain the option of requiring allocation of and support for PEG channels.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hilliard, Ph.D.
(Currently: Professor, Emerson College)

c.c. Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate; Mass Media Bureau

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From: Ben Wiles [bwiles@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 3:25 PM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: Video Franchising

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Deborah,

I would like to voice some of my opinions regarding video franchising. As a sociologist and an American citizen, I think it is extremely important that the information disseminated in all media formats accurately reflects the actual voices and concerns of the communities they reside in. I am deeply troubled by the current trend of corporatizing the media. As the control of information becomes increasingly consolidated into the hands of a few extremely powerful conglomerates such as the Rupert Murdoch Network, it becomes critical that the public have a way to respond and have a voice of its own, not just for the sake of accuracy and truth, but also for the sake of the collective public memory. Local radio and television has long been some of the building blocks of how people view and remember society. In times of war especially, it is imperative that the public has a way to air grievances so as to heal the the individual and the community, providing a healthy collective. Without public access to video channels, there is no way for untainted opinions to be heard, and there can be no healing.

I am also deeply concerned that the FCC is even considering doing away with local video franchising, especially considering increased cuts in funding to public broadcasting by the Bush Administration. During the beginnings of cable television in America, the companies that championed its spreading touted that one of the primary benefits of cable would be that the local public would be more informed and have a greater voice in the community. As it has become apparent that such policy is less profitable than furthering corporate interests and advertising revenue, it is the duty of the FCC to provide a balance to this information monopolization. The FCC is a public interest group whose duty is to uphold the best interests of American citizens regarding domestic communication policies. It is in the best interests of Americans to have affordable video access to local public, governmental and educational channels.

For the sake of a nation at war, and our First Amendment rights, (as my representative) please ensure that local video franchising mandates are not done away with.

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Ben Wiles

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To: Kevin Martin; Heather Dixon; Michael Copps; Jordan Goldstein; Jonathan Adelstein; Rudy Bricche; Deborah Tate; Aaron Goldberger; Catherine Bohigian; Andrew Long; William Johnson; John Norton; Sam Feder; Donna Gregg; Rosemary Harold; Deborah Klein; Daniel Gonzalez

Subject: AT&T Inc. Cable Comments

Please find the attached Comments of AT&T Inc., filed today in MB Docket No. 05-311 (*Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 As Amended by the Cable Television Protection and Competition Act of 1992*).

<<ATT 621 Comments.pdf>>

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Dear FCC Commissioners,

I am writing out of concern that several large cable and telecom companies, including AT&T and Time Warner, are trying to weaken and do away with their agreements to provide funding to local public access TV. Local programming is some of the best programming on television, and allows citizens to keep up with what is happening in their communities. I find public access programming to be some of the most independent programming, and therefore I depend on them for much of my understanding of local to international events. It allows a diversity of voices that one doesn't hear on network TV. Please support continued full funding for these agreements.

Thank you for listening,
Karen Wiebe

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Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 2:00 PM**To:** KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate**Cc:** John Norton; Andrew Long**Subject:** MB Docket No. 05-311 - Protect local cable access

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein & Tate:

I am writing you to express our strong support for media democracy. I support Public, Education and Government Access (PEG) resources which our community receives as a result of local cable/video franchises. I am concerned that none of the national video bills before Congress offer enough channels or bandwidth for public use. I am also concerned that financial support for use of community channels is either inadequate or needs more protection than what is described in these bills.

I believe in community media. It provides coverage of local government activities. It provides a forum for important community discussions. It gives our neighbors a face and a voice. It provides an important sense of meaning in a fast moving, complex world. It allows citizens to be producers of information, not just consumers.

As my representative, I ask that you:

- 1 Please make sure that any changes in the local franchise for video and information to the home include enough community bandwidth for now and in the future.
- 2 Please be sure that any legislation includes direct financial support for public use of these resources.
- 3 Please keep public access local. Local needs and interests are best determined by public officials and citizens where they live, not hundreds, if not thousands, of miles away.

This issue is fundamentally about control. I believe individuals and governments at the local level are in the best position to define local franchise terms and conditions and local interests and needs – programmatically, economically, and administratively. The issue is ultimately one of self-governance.

Thank you very much for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Steve Meisner
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 To: KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Tracy Foley
 Subject: RE: FCC MB Docket No. 05-311:

Chairman Kevin J. Martin: KJMWEB@fcc.gov
 Commissioner Michael J. Copps: Michael.Copps@fcc.gov
 Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: Jonathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov
 RE: MB Docket 05-311

Do not let consumer issues or big business profits ruin what is perhaps the last vestige of Democracy through electronic media. Please protect local franchise authorities and ensure strongest protection possible for public access channels such as WCCA TV.

For the last 20 years WCCA TV 13, "The People's Channel" has given over 84 million dollars in community media public access service. Thousands of hours of community produced TV programs, television and multi media workshops, access to state of the art equipment, an electronic platform or soapbox to freely express ideas and opinions and share information. All made possible by local franchise support through funding and capital provided through an exchange of local rights of way. WCCA TV is a thriving community media center where citizen are producing their own relevant television programs and more. Public Access television is: TV by the People, For the People, Of the People. Worcester is a very diverse urban city, the second largest city in Massachusetts and New England. WCCA TV provides services for thousands of citizens and organizations. Public access television empowers all citizens no matter what their economic status, by giving them an equal opportunity to participate in civic debate, share opinions, tell their stories, share heritage and culture free from corporate retribution and political whim. Here is a bullet sample of what local franchise authority has made it possible for through public access television in Worcester: WCCA to provide access 24/7 every day of the year for the past 20 years, We provide the first medial literacy program in the City, Provide comprehensive training in workforce development, computer applications, television production, KidsNet/Youth channel (year round after school multi media hands on experience of youth at risk), two community news productions (in English on Spanish), we present over 145 hours per week of local originated video programming covering a vast range of topics from veterans, municipal, forums, candidate profiles, health, educational, news and information, and new ideas and opinions, WCCA also offers free community computer lab and WiFi making it possible for anyone to gain free access to the internet. Most use this time to search for jobs, write resumes, check email or learn to produce graphics to be applied on TV shows. This is too valuable to loose. Please focus on protecting the civic values and benefits that emanate from the local PUBLIC ACCESS TV channels and the public access process.

Video franchise agreements are the only mechanism that protects and ensures the existence of local Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Access TV channels and centers. Local video franchises between municipalities and the Cable TV companies have served the community for three decades; phone companies offering Video Services must have local franchises just as the Cable TV companies do. In order to protect PEG channels and facilities, we must ensure that local municipalities have the authority to require local video franchising. Again. Please do not let consumer issues or big business profits ruin what is perhaps the last vestige of democracy through electronic media. Please protect local franchise authorities and ensure strongest protection possible for public access channels such as WCCA TV.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Mauro DePasquale, WCCA TV 13, "The People's Channel", Worcester, MA

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